Elephant Easel Card with Spray-Painted Stars

A PROJECT FROM OUR LIVE SHOW - CATCH UP WITH SIMON FOR MONDAY MADNESS IN THE HTCN STUDIO...



ABOUT THIS PROJECT

A charming easel card featuring cute elephants with die-cut stars, spray-painted in pastel rose and violet. The card stands up when a tag is inserted, and folds flat for posting. It combines stamped elephants, watercoloured details, and shimmering sprayed backgrounds.

From the show: CATCH UP with Simon for MONDAY MADNESS in the HTCN studio broadcast 8th Nov 21
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The project starts: 3:00 into the show
In this guide: 16 steps

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YOU WILL NEED

- Versafine Ink Pad - Onyx Black - 300921C
- Izink Spray Shiny Rose Pastel 080621A

STEP BY STEP

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STEP 1 OF 16

Score your card blank in half down the centre to create two equal panels for the easel mechanism.

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Die-cut star shapes from cardstock using the Elephantastic die set.

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Die-cut the Celebration die with all its detailed stars and textures onto cardstock for the inside panel.

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Place your die-cut pieces in a spray box with kitchen paper and apply a light mist of rose pastel spray ink.

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Apply violet purple spray ink to different areas to break up the colour and create depth.

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Press kitchen towel onto the sprayed pieces to remove excess ink and speed up drying.

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STEP 7 OF 16

Mount your sprayed panels onto red cardstock, leaving a small red border around each piece.

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Glue the inside panel to the card blank, then position the two outer panels opposite each other to create the easel structure.

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Cut a small square of cardstock as a stamping platform and stamp presents using black Versafine ink.

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STEP 10 OF 16

Stamp bunting across the corner of your background piece using black ink.

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STEP 11 OF 16

Stamp the elephant with hat and the 'Remember you've got a friend in me' sentiment onto white cardstock using black ink.

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STEP 12 OF 16

Watercolour the elephant with a pale grey wash, then add darker grey shading around the knees, ears and tail.

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STEP 13 OF 16

Add pink to the elephant's cheeks and toes, then paint blue stripes on the hat and coordinate the bunting in blue.

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Paint the presents in red and green, keeping the detail minimal and blocked in.

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STEP 15 OF 16

Die-cut the elephant and sentiment pieces using their complementary dies.

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STEP 16 OF 16

Mount the background scene onto red cardstock, leaving a red border, then glue only the lower half to the card base to allow the easel to flex.

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TIPS FROM THE SHOW

- Easel cards can be displayed standing up or folded flat, giving you two different card designs in one.
- Use pale watercolour washes first and build up darker shades gradually to avoid mistakes.
- When spraying ink in a box with kitchen paper, the paper catches excess spray and prevents waste.

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